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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claim 4 has been amended. Support for the amendment is found in the specification and claims as filed.

Allowed Claims

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claims 14-20.

Objection to the Specification

The disclosure has been objected to as not including the patent number of the previous application. Paragraph [0001] has been amended to include a reference to U.S. Patent No. 6,660,029. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 4 has been rejected as indefinite for lack of antecedent basis of the limitation "the impermeable material." Claim 4 has been amended to depend from Claim 10, which recites "an impermeable material," thereby providing antecedent basis for the limitation "the impermeable material" in Claim 4. In view of the foregoing amendment, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-13 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-4, 7, and 9-17 of U.S. Patent No. U.S. Patent No. 6,660,029. Applicants herewith submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining

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concerns that might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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